IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: TBA Shuzo Kato et al. Examiner: TBA Serial No.: TBA **Filed:** Herewith (February 2, 2001) For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IMPROVED TIME SLOT SYNCHRONIZATION USING ENHANCED TWO-TIMES OVERSAMPLING

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § § 1.97 and 1.98, the items identified in this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") are brought to the attention of the Office. The items are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), that is within (1) three months of the filing date of the application, which is not a continued prosecution application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d); or (2) entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491; or (3) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or (4) before the mailing of a first Office action after filing a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. Thus, no fee is required. However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 CFR §§ 1.97(c), if applicable, and charge the fee due 37 CFR § 1.17(p), if no statement under 1.97(e) is included, to the deposit account referenced below.

This IDS is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), that is after mailing of a first Office action on the merits, but before a Final Action under 37 CFR § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, or another action that closes prosecution in the application.

A statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus no fee is required. In the event that this IDS may not be filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), then Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the filing of these papers under 37 CFR § 1.97(d), if applicable, and charge any fees due to the deposit account referenced below. The fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required with this IDS, not covered in whole or part by any attached check, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475.
Respectfully submitted, LYON & LYON LLP
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